Rs. 4 with annas 8 Irrigation Cess per acre, has been levied on lands irrigated by both the anikat and the tanks. The Deputy Commissioner should be ordered to levy a lower amount of water rate on the lands irrigated by the Sogal anikat alone. A feeder channel is also necessary.

Dewan's reply.—The subject of a feeder is under consideration in the Public Works Department. The rate of assessment is all right. It is only temporary. It will be finally determined by the Survey Department. For this purpose, the lands are being classed.

Subject No. 104.
Separate building for Munsiff's Court at Honnali.

Summary of discussion.—A separate building for the Munsiff's Court should be constructed, as the present arrangement under which both the Taluk Office and the Munsiff's Court are held in one and the same building is productive of considerable inconvenience. Suitors have no place to sit.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in connection with a proposal for a new Taluk Cutcherry.

Subject No. 105.
Repairs to the Raghavendraswami Matt.

Summary of discussion.—Orders should be passed for repairing the Raghavendraswami Matt, as at present a portion of the building is in a dilapidated condition. The Matt disciples will contribute.

Dewan's reply.—It is the business of the Matt Priest to attend to this.

Subject No. 106.
Sanskrit School at Honnali.

Summary of discussion.—A Sanskrit Government School should be established in the town of Honnali, as there are many boys anxious to study Sanskrit.

Dewan's reply.—Apply to Deputy Commissioner first.

Subject No. 107.
Withdrawal of powers of enquiry from Police Daffedars.

Summary of discussion.—In the course of their investigations, Police Daffédars often try to disgrace respectable people for selfish purposes, as their salary is insufficient for their maintenance. The power to enquire into complaints should be withdrawn from them.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable. Misbehaviour brought to notice will be punished.

Subject No. 108.
Grant of Bechirakh villages for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—Many people hesitate to apply for Bechirakh villages for cultivation under the impression that there are hereditary Patels to such villages. It is the duty of the Patels of such villages to improve their condition. If the Government undertakes to give out such villages for cultivation to others without sale and with the Pateli Haks, cultivation will be improved and the Government benefited.

Dewan's reply.—Vested rights cannot be disturbed. Bechirakh villages are available for cultivation under rules which have been prescribed for the purpose.

Subject No. 109.
Abolition of Nyamti Government Girls' School.

Summary of discussion.—The present Government Girls' School at Nyamti should be abolished, as it has not proved successful during so many years past. A Government

Sanskrit school should be established instead, as there are many boys anxious to study Sanskrit in this town.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that an English school has been tried and closed and that there is no need for a Sanskrit school. The Girls' School will have to be closed sooner or later.

Subject No. 110.

Compensation for submerged lands.

Summary of discussion.—Compensation for land submerged under Saulanga Tank has not yet been paid.

Dewan's reply.—Deputy Commissioner says that he is settling it.

Subject No. 111.

Water project and drinage for Shimoga Town.

Summary of discussion.—The proposed drainage and water projects for the town of Shimoga have not yet been taken in hand. Both projects should be taken in hand early as promised by Government. Mr. Standish Lee, Sanitary Engineer, while on his visit to Shimoga on the 30th September last, offered a loan of Rs. 10,000 to the Shimoga Municipality for the construction of minor drains and the filling up of pits in the town. The Municipal Board refused to accept the loan. Government should, in the interests of the people of Shimoga, carry out these minor works as part of the proposed drainage project.

Dewan's reply.—We have provided one lakh of rupees per annum for five years as loans or grants-in-aid for such local sanitary works. The case of Shimoga will be considered together with other similar cases.

Subject No. 112.

Whole-time Vice President for Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A whole-time Vice President should be appointed for the Municipality of Shimoga. As the present Vice President has, in addition to Municipal duties, other duties to perform, he has little or no time left him to inspect the town in the mornings. The town has been suffering much for want of supervision. It is not possible for the Municipal Commissioners to look to these matters.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot give the Municipality a whole-time Vice President, unless the Municipality can pay for such an officer.

Subject No. 113.

Co-operaion of Police with Municipal authorities in sanitary matters.

Summary of discussion—The Town Police at Shimoga should be made to co-operate with Municipal authorities in enforcing sanitation, as at present they are evidently under the impression that this does not form a part of their duty.

The Police out-stations in the town have been closed and the whole of the Town Police force is concentrated at the central station. Thereby there is less security in various parts of the town.

Dewan's reply.—Commended to the Deputy Commissioner. Special legislation will be necessary to enable the Police to take cognizance of nuisances which are not now cognizable by them.